

First Cherokee Female Seminary
(The Three Columns at Tsa-La-Gi)
Tsa-La-Gi, Cherokee Cultural Center
1 mi. S. of Tahlequah
Park Hill vicinity
Cherokee County
Oklahoma

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HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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STATE OKLAHOMA	COUNTY CHEROKEE	TOWN OR VICINITY PARK HILL VICINITY
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) FIRST CHEROKEE FEMALE SEMINARY		HABS NO. OK-50
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE THE THREE COLUMNS AT TSA-LA-GI		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Tsa-La-Gi, Cherokee Cultural Center, 1 mile south of Tahlequah		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1851	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Not known.	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) These are three of the remaining south porch columns of the first Female Seminary built on this site in 1851. The Seminary burned in 1887.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) See Exterior Features of Note		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) The columns are each approximately 30 feet high, 3 feet in diameter at the base and about 2 1/2 feet in diameter at the neck, just below their capitals. They are spaced (con't to page 2)		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE The columns are constructed of pie-shaped wedges of brick, laid in a circle, with centers of grout. The bricks are laid up so as to display a surface of common bond, i.e., alternate rows of brick are exactly over one another. Each column is capped with a fragment of a simple Doric capital of limestone, and rests on a square limestone base, 39 inches (con't to page 2)		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Good condition; they have been restored. The columns are used as historical attraction and are placed in a sandstone patio with a 3 foot reflecting pool at the front (con't to page 2)		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS) Architectural data, Summer 1975		
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SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (continued from page 1):

about 9 1/2 feet apart. The columns are equivalent to two stories high.

EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (continued from page 1):

on a side and 12 inches deep.

PRESENT CONDITION AND USE (continued from page 1):

of the Tsa-La-Gi, Cherokee Cultural Center.